



SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
Chapter 32-50
MINUTES 13 November 2021

Special Forces Association Chapter 32-50 met at Madison's Restaurant, 4747 SE 29th Street, Del City OK, on Saturday, 13 November 2021, for its annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, followed by a brief informal meeting at c.1300 hours.

Officers Present

President Jack Farr
Vice President Ray Williams
Assistant Secretary Robert Kelson
Treasurer/Chaplain Dick Goodman
Webmaster/Medal Sales Coordinator Jerry Cooper
Medal Presentation Coordinator Doug Warden
Quartermaster David "Sarge" Cronic
Assistant Quartermaster Frank Rickard

Officers Absent Assistant Treasurer Ron Siegman, Secretary Charles Watts

Meeting Opened C.1300 hrs, by Vice President Ray Williams

Special Forces Prayer Dick Goodman

Dick thereafter led a brief period of silence in honor of those chapter members who have died: Edward Perkins, Jerry Leonard, Leslie Crocker, Tom Hinds, Fred Gilbert, Pete Gummow, Don Paquin, Gene Hall, Glenn Thurmond, Dan Ward, Charles Miller, James Barrack, Edward Evanhoe, Sidney Melton.

Pledge of Allegiance Tony Ward

New Members/Guests

Ray Williams introduced new chapter member Jonathon Brandon, now an MD in Edmond OK. Jonathon was an SF medic (18D) with the 1st SF Group who subsequently attended medical school and then a residency in Florida. He was previously a member of a California SFA chapter.

Announcements

President Jack Farr noted Chapter Secretary Charles Watts was recuperating well after a surgical procedure. Butch Graham would have attended but was bound by

contract for a function in Texas. Jack noted Butch and his wife Bonnie have made consistent contributions to the chapter in both time and effort, as well as sponsorship of an annual luncheon in July.

Jack further noted the many endeavors of Ray and Shirley Williams and underscored the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Induction of chapter members Ellis Edwards and Doug Warden. The Grahams, Williams's, Ellis Edwards and Doug Warden received standing ovations.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

While there was no formal report, the ladies continued to hand out free tickets to Chapter 32-50 members for the drawing on the "Quilt of Valor." Shirley Williams, President of the Auxiliary, conducted the drawing and announced chapter member Rafael Elias the winner. The ladies subsequently stood before the chapter and received applause.

Shirley Williams noted Reta Hall, wife of the late and highly regarded chapter member Gene Hall, donated Gene's SFA Blazer (S) with pocket crest for sale to a chapter member. Reta previously donated Gene's large collection of military memorabilia to the Chapter, the sale of which netted \$144.00. Dave "Sarge" Cronin conducted the sale.

Secretary's Note: Gene Hall joined the 45th Inf Div. while in high school, went to basic one summer after his junior year, and was activated for the Korean War early in his senior year. After combat in Korea, Gene returned and finished high school on the GI Bill. He then re-entered the army, served with SF in Viet Nam and retired a Master Sergeant. RIP.

Treasurer's Report

No formal report was given.

OK Military Hall of Fame Induction

The Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame conducted a private ceremony for the induction of Doug Warden and Ellis Edwards on Saturday, 23 October 2021, at the Vietnam War Memorial, in Oklahoma City. A luncheon followed at Bedlam Barbeque Restaurant, in OKC. Doug Warden thanked those who attended. Thao Edwards, on behalf of Ellis Edwards, thanked all who attended and noted Ellis and she were working to generate funds for the Green Beret Foundation. Ellis will donate c.\$2,000.00 and the target goal is \$4,000.00.

Medals Report

There was no report

Oklahoma Veterans' Council Report

While no report was given, Rick Caccini notified Kelson that Rick's Yukon Museum's next annual banquet has already been scheduled for 20 October 2022.

Quartermaster Report

There was no formal report.

Chaplain's Report

There was no formal report.

Old Business

The abbreviated meeting did not address old business.

Our Chapter website is: sfachapter32-50.org

New Business

No new business was addressed.

Chapter Minutes

Chapter minutes were not addressed.

Future Meetings

The Christmas party and banquet will be on 11 December 2021, **1100 hours**, at **Madison's Restaurant, 4747 SE 29th Street, Del City, OK**, sponsored again by the Ladies Auxiliary.

50/50 Raffle

Glen Williams won the 50/50 in the amount of \$95.00. Glen donated his portion to the hard-working staff at Madison's Restaurant, whose preparation and service was, as always, excellent.

De Oppresso Liber,

Robert Kelson,
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